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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER

USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

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BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

STATE FOR S/PRS AND EA/P

SECDEF FOR OASD/PA

1. THE OVERALL SITUATION FOR THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS CAN BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY CALM WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. THERE WERE SCATTERED GROUND ACTIONS THROUGHOUT CAMBODIA.

2. A BATTALION OF FANK TROOPS RECAPTURED 3 VILLAGES BELOW PREY VENG. A MODEST SUPPLY OF ENEMY WEAPONS WAS TAKEN.

3. ON ROUTE 4 A FANK FORCE EN ROUTE TO RELIEVE TALAT ENCOUNTERED STRONG ENEMY RESISTANCE. FANK FORCES SUFFERED 15 KILLED AND 37 WOUNDED. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 15 DEAD. AN ENEMY ATTACK EAST OF TALAT FAILED TO MAKE A SECOND CUT ON ROUTE 4. AT DAS KANCHOR THERE WERE SEVERAL GROUND ATTACKS BY THE ENEMY. DAS KANCHOR REMAINS ISOLATED.

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4. FANK FORCES MOVING EAST FROM TAKEO HAVE REACHED ROUTE 3.

5. IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE A GOVERNMENT RELIEF FORCE HEADED FOR ENCIRCLED KOH KRALOR HAS REQUESTED RESUPPLY AND REINFORCEMENTS IN THE FACE OF STUBBORN ENEMY RESISTANCE. THERE WERE COMMUNIST GROUND ATTACKS LAST NIGHT AGAINST THE ENCIRCLED TOWN.

6. WEST OF KAMPONG CHHANG A FANK OPERATION THAT ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 4 BROUGHT 2600 PERSONS BACK UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

7. IN THE BASSAC AREA SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH THERE WERE CLASHES BETWEEN BOTH SIDES WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN POSITION.
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